
Appendix D.

No significant changes have been made to this appendix.

Agency Management Plans for Resources Adjacent to the Proposed Action

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The BLM Northwest Forest Plan includes management classifications and criteria for a wide variety of aspects throughout the forest ecosystem. Below is a listing of such classifications and criteria pertinent to the proposed action.

Visual Resource Management

The visual resource management (VRM) classes and objectives for BLM lands within the proposed action corridor are as follows:

Class I - Objective of this class is to provide for natural ecological changes in VRM I areas. Some very limited management activities may occur in these areas. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be very low and must not attract attention. Changes should repeat the basic elements of form, line, color, texture, and scale found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.

Class II - Objective of this class is to manage lands for low levels of change to the characteristic landscape. Management activities may be seen but should not attract the attention of the casual observer. Changes should repeat the basic elements of form, line, color, texture, and scale found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.

Class III - Objective of this class is to provide for management activities for moderate levels of change to the characteristic landscape. Management activities may attract attention but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. Changes should repeat the basic elements of form, line, color, texture, and scale found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.

Class IV - Objective of this class is to provide for management activities which may dominate the view and be the major focus of the viewer's attention. Every attempt should be made to minimize the impact of these activities through careful pipeline location, minimum disturbance and repetition of the basic elements of form, line, color, and texture.

Descriptions of other VRM classes and objectives are in the Coos Bay BLM District RMP EIS (1995).

Riparian Reserve and Aquatic Conservation Strategy Management

Overall objective: Restore and maintain the ecological health of watersheds.

Other objectives:

- a. Provide a scientific basis for protecting aquatic ecosystem using Riparian Reserve Scenarios and Watershed Analysis.
- b. Enable planning for sustainable resource management (watershed restoration).
- c. Conserve at-risk species through Key Watershed Management and through Riparian Reserve Management.

Watershed Management Plans

- Conduct Watershed Analysis to meet ACS objectives.
- Identify Key Watersheds needing restoration efforts which provide the requisites of at-risk species.

BLM Land-Use Allocations

The land-use allocation areas listed below are located adjacent to or near the alternative routes (including the proposed action). For further information about these, refer to the Coos Bay or Roseburg RMPs.

Late-Succession Forest Reserve (LSR)

The proposed action corridor is adjacent to approximately 4.5 miles of LSR. The Hwy 42 alternative is adjacent to approximately 3 miles of LSR.

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

Part of the North Spit of Coos Bay is designated as an ACEC. Depending on where NW Natural decides to extend its distribution network in Coos Bay, it may cross under a portion of the North Spit ACEC. However, all ground disturbance in the North Spit would occur in road or utility ROW.

The proposed action and Hwy 42 alternative would not cross any ACEC on other designated special areas.

Research Natural Areas

No Research Natural Areas exist within or near the proposed action corridor. The Cherry Creek Research Natural Area is located just over 3 miles north of Dora and the CBW Road. This area is set aside for protection of its special status plant and animal habitats, and recreational development is precluded from this area.

Coquille Forest Special Management Areas

None of the alternative routes (including the proposed action) enter the Coquille Forests.

Native American Religious Concerns

No known Native American religious sites exist within or adjacent to the proposed action corridor or the other alternative routes. Also see Appendix B.